



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Economic development is a major function of state  
3 and local governments nationwide; and

4 WHEREAS, Job growth and quality of life enhancements are  
5 two major objectives of state and local economic development  
6 policy; and

7 WHEREAS, Given the economic and demographic diversity of  
8 Illinois, economic development policy may best be crafted at  
9 the local and regional levels where local government, labor,  
10 and business leaders are most aware of the economic strengths  
11 and weaknesses of their own communities and counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Many Illinois communities and regions depend upon  
13 the economic development expertise and capacity of the State  
14 for their own business and workforce development needs; and

15 WHEREAS, When developing statewide economic development  
16 policy and objectives, the State should contact local and  
17 regional economic leaders to ascertain the business and  
18 workforce development needs and objectives of Illinois  
19 communities and counties; and

20 WHEREAS, In conjunction with a renewed initiative to assist  
21 the diverse regions and communities in Illinois with economic  
22 development strategic planning, the State is entering an  
23 opportune time to systematically maintain contact with local  
24 and regional economic leaders in order to gauge their workforce  
25 and business development concerns and the effectiveness of  
26 State policy in support of local economic development policy;  
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 encourage the Governor and the Department of Commerce and  
2 Economic Opportunity to develop a program of systematic contact  
3 with local and regional economic development stakeholders and  
4 policy makers with the purpose of gauging the effectiveness of  
5 State business and workforce development policy at the local  
6 and regional levels and with the purpose of crafting new  
7 development policies and objectives that best meet the needs  
8 and strategies of local and regional economic leaders; and be  
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Economic  
11 Opportunity report to the chairmen and spokespersons of the  
12 House Commerce and Business Development Committee and the House  
13 Labor Committee concerning (i) the Department's current  
14 efforts to make systematic contact with local and regional  
15 economic stakeholders and policy makers concerning economic  
16 development and (ii) the scope of those efforts; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
19 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.